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1. In Bucharest, mail addressed to foreign countries has to go through one of the following three post offices: the office located at the corner of Strada Viitor and Strada Romana, the office located opposite the railroad terminal, or the office located on the corner of Soseaua Stefan Cel Mare and Strada Tunari. The letters, which may be sealed, must be presented at a special counter called "externe" (foreign mail) by the sender, who must show his identity card. The post office employee at this desk determines that the sender is the same as the addressor on the back of the envelope. He then records in a special log the name and address of the sender and the number of his identity card.
2. Although there is no official censorship of foreign mail in Rumania, [redacted] existence in Bucharest of a censorship office which operates in an apartment building located on Bulevardul Dacia. Files containing the names of persons corresponding with relatives and friends abroad, as well as excerpts from incoming and outgoing letters of possible interest to the Securitate, are kept there. Suspicious letters are photocopied before delivery to the addressee; in many cases, the addressee is followed for a short time and then invited to make a statement to the Securitate regarding the reasons for the correspondence. Letters have been received in Rumania which contained words and even full passages marked out with ink. Many letters are not delivered and are either destroyed or held indefinitely by this unofficial censorship office. Letters written in Greek are censored in the office by about 40 persons recruited from the ranks of former Greek guerrillas.
3. In Galati the foreign mail must be presented to a special counter of the Central Post Office.

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4. The delivery of foreign mail is made in Galati by mail carriers who deliver the mail to the addressee's home. The addressee must identify himself and sign for any letters received from abroad, whether it is a regular or registered letter.
5. To discourage Rumanian residents from receiving mail from abroad, the Communist authorities have used the following methods:
 - a. The Chief of the Labor and Salaries Section of the Bucharest People's Council warned all former civil employees who were drawing their pensions from the People's Council Finance Office that the pensions would no longer be paid to persons who continued correspondence with relatives and friends abroad.
 - b. Several employees working in government-operated enterprises were advised by the Cadre to cease their foreign correspondence.
 - c. Individuals were summoned to Militia Precinct offices to be interrogated on the identity of their correspondents abroad, and the reasons for maintaining correspondence with them. The interrogations were recorded and conducted in such a way as to intimidate the persons being questioned. When they were released from the Militia offices, the individuals were advised to reduce to a minimum their correspondence with friends and relatives abroad.

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